

A meeting of the Criglersville School Property Repurposing Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:15 PM on July 11, 2018 in the County Administration Building auditorium at 414 N. Main Street in Madison, VA. Member attendance was as follows:

A Connie Aylor
P Daniel Crigler
P Charles Fisher
P Lynn Graves
P Charlotte Hoffman
P Clay Jackson
P Maxwell Lacy

County Administrator Jack Hobbs and Gracie Brooks from the Madison Eagle were present.

A proposed agenda, minutes from the June 19, 2018 meeting and other information was distributed. Discussion on the Criglersville school property continued as follows.

Mrs. Hoffman reminded the members of the need to have the old school building tidied up to a "broom clean" condition so as to make it presentable to potential purchasers. The County Administrator was asked to ascertain whether inmates could be used to do this kind of work in a building with a known presence of asbestos and lead paint.

Mr. Crigler reviewed his research into the cost of renovating the old school building. By consensus, the members agreed that alternatives involving County-sponsored renovations are not practical.

Mr. Jackson reported on his building inventory survey. It was noted that the following items appear to have sentimental value:

- The "C" on the stage curtain in the cafetorium
- The sign over the front entrance to the school
- The freestanding sign near the road

Items that might have significant monetary value include:

- Vintage light fixtures
- Stair rails (although removing those prior to offering the building for sale appears to be problematic)

Items not reported during the meeting that might not be available for "disposal" include:

- *Main Street Christmas decorations (in the "voting house" building)*
- *After-Prom Items (in the voting house building)*
- *Seats removed from the auditorium at 414 N. Main Street (in the cafetorium)*

By consensus, members agreed that the County should consider the "voting house" along with any sale or demolition process it undertakes for the brick school building. Mr. Lacy indicated that the Madison County Historical Society would be receptive to the relocation of the polling place to the museum house.

Mr. Fisher led a discussion on the configuration of the Criglersville property lot lines and possibilities for resubdivision that would allow for the disposal of the real estate except for the monument site and the museum house.

Mr. Jackson reiterated his concern that any sale of the property with the buildings needs to include a "bonded" guarantee that they either be appropriately upgraded or demolished.

The County Administrator was asked to prepare a draft request for proposals that would result in the removal of all "loose" items from the buildings for consideration at the Committee's next meeting. It was noted that an on-site auction event would be an opportunity to show the condition of the building to interested County citizens and generate conversation about the future use of the site. It was understood that the sale of some or all of the property and the selection of a demolition contractor would require procurement processes in the coming weeks or months.

The need to develop a proposal before holding a community meeting or public hearing on the Criglersville property issue was discussed.

The Committee agreed that it hoped to work toward an on-site auction that would be held on a Saturday in late September and to target the October 3 Board of Supervisors meeting for a public hearing on the Committee's recommendations.

After the group agreed to meet again at 7:30 PM on July 24, 2018 at 414 N. Main Street, the session broke up at about 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Hobbs
County Administrator